GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3989
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2000
AMENDMENTS IN DIVORCE ACTS
RENUKA CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended amendments to the Divorce Acts to bring about equality of status for women with men in different sectors of society;

(b) if so, the main recommendations thereof; and

(c) the action being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) A
MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHR
JAITLEY)

(a): Yes sir. The Law Commission of India has given a number of Reports on Indian Divorce Act,1869,the last report being 164th Report given in November,1998.

(b): The Law Commission has recommended, amendment of section 10 to remove discrimination against Christian women who may be seeking divorce as well as amendment of sections 17 and 20 of the Indian Divorce Act, 1869, which respectively require confirmation of decrees of divorce/nullity of marriage by the concerned High Courts.

(c): The matter is under active consideration of the Government.